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2010 Census Update

NORTH AUGUSTA GROWS

Local level Census data released in August show that the City of North Augusta experienced a 21.5 percent increase in population to 21,348 over the past decade. That total compares well to Aiken County as a whole which experienced a twelve percent increase and to South Carolina with a fifteen percent increase in population over the same period. Overall, the United States grew by almost ten percent, nearly matching the level of population increase between 1950 and 1960 at the height of the baby boom.

To serve an increasing population, the City added to its infrastructure and housing stock, ending the decade with a twenty-three percent increase in total housing units. Two-thirds of the housing units were owner occupied, about the same percentage as ten years earlier.

The Census also indicates that the City's population is aging slightly. The median age of all City residents in 2000 was 35.9 years. In 2010, the median age was 37.9 years. As in 2000, females outnumber males in the City by thirteen percent.

Census Population – 2000 to 2010 Comparison		
Jurisdiction	2000 Census	2010 Census
North Augusta	17,574	21,348
Aiken County	142,552	160,099
Aiken Augusta MSA	477,441	556,877
South Carolina	4,012,012	4,625,364
United States	281,421,906	308,745,538

United States® Census 2010



Since the first census in 1790, the United States population has continually shifted to the west and south. In 2010, the Census Bureau calculated that the mean geographical center of United States population is Plato, an incorporated village in Texas County, Missouri. To view an interactive map showing all decennial centers of population since 1790, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/center-of-population.php>.

Municipal Code Reminder

ON-STREET PARKING



To support a safe driving, bicycling and pedestrian environment within the City, Section 22-41 of the North Augusta Municipal Code regulates on-street parking.

In areas where on-street parking is permitted and angle parking is not an option, vehicles are required to be parked with the right-hand wheels parallel to and within six (6) inches of the right-hand curb. On one-way streets, parking is permitted with the left-hand wheels within six (6) inches of the left-hand curb.

The stated parking requirements are particularly important at night to allow approaching vehicles to see the reflective taillights of parked cars. The requirements also provide a consistent and predictable view for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and eliminate the potential hazard of an illegally parked car entering a travel lane in the wrong direction.

The Municipal Code also regulates the parking and storage of recreational vehicles and equipment, boats, large trucks, trailers and other heavy equipment and vehicles. **Recreational vehicles**, including RV vans, boats, trailers and other heavy equipment, must be stored in a carport or enclosed building, in a side yard behind the front building line of the primary building farthest from the street, or in a rear yard. However, such vehicles and equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises, street or other public right of way for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) hours in any one thirty day period.

Large transport trucks and trailers, construction equipment and similar heavy equipment may not be parked on any residentially-zoned street or lot for more than twenty-four (24) hours. **Commercial vehicles** exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross weight or thirty (30) feet in length may not be parked at any time on any City streets, unless engaged in material delivery or pickup. **Inoperable and unregistered vehicles** may not be parked on any street or other public right of way. These vehicles may be parked on residential property only if stored in a completely enclosed building or carport.

For more information on vehicle parking requirements in the City right of way, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 803-441-4255.



Parallel parking with the driver's side door next to the curb is a Municipal Code violation and creates potential hazards for other drivers.

Improved Emergency Response

Aiken County SMART911

Aiken County offers a new service to enhance emergency response services to its citizens. Through registration at *Smart911.com*, county residents have the opportunity to create a profile to include family size, including pets; family members' ages, medical conditions and disabilities; a cross reference between mobile phone numbers and home address; and other personalized rescue-related information. In the event of an emergency call to 911, dispatchers can access the personal profile and quickly share relevant data with first responders.

The Smart911 service is free of charge and participating residents decide which information to include in each family profile. All provided information remains confidential and is available only to emergency responders.

Visit <http://www.aikencountysc.gov/DspSvc.cfm?qSvcID=139> for more information on the countywide Smart911 service or call the Aiken County Service Center at 866-876-7074.



Smart911

Staying Safe IN STANDARD TIME

Daylight saving time ends on Sunday, November 6. In addition to setting clocks back one hour to Standard time, review this short household safety checklist.



- **Change the clocks, change the batteries.** Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, if powered by fresh batteries. Safety experts recommend replacing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries twice a year to help ensure the alarm or detector alerts residents to escape in the event of an emergency. Safety experts also recommend replacing smoke alarms every ten years and carbon monoxide detectors every five years.
- **Replace older or burned out light bulbs.** Consider replacing conventional bulbs with energy efficient compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that replacing a standard bulb with an energy efficient one saves over \$30 in electricity costs over the life of the bulb.
- **Check home and outbuilding storage areas for hazardous materials.** Properly dispose of any items which are no longer used or are in poor condition and move any which are within reach of children or pets.
 - **Check the family first aid kit and medicine cabinet.** Replace any missing supplies and properly discard all expired medications. Prescription and common over-the-counter medicines can cause serious problems due to changes through product aging.
 - **Make or review the family emergency plan.** Update phone numbers, addresses and contact information and post emergency information near each phone or in a central location. Know and practice different ways to exit the house in case of fire or, in the event of a natural disaster such as a tornado or earthquake, identify the safest areas within the house.
 - **Prepare a home disaster supply kit.** Include bottled water, nonperishable food, flashlights, batteries, blankets and a battery-powered radio.



Fall Exhibits ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTER

The Art of Millinery – Through October 29

Clay Artists of the Southeast Pottery – September 6 to October 29

Carolina's Got Art – September 6 to October 29

North Augusta Artists Guild Show – September 6 to October 29

Fall Into Art Show and Sale – November 8 to December 30

A Palmetto Christmas – November 8 to December 30



The Arts and Heritage Center (AHC) has recently opened a permanent history exhibit called "Rivers, Rails and Roads." The exhibit, which includes several hands-on and interactive components for all age groups, explores the history of our region from the Native American era to modern day.

The AHC is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students (K-12) and free for ages 5 and under. The AHC is a private, nonprofit interpretive center located on the first floor of the North Augusta Municipal Center. Call (803) 441-4380 or visit www.artsandheritagecenter.com for more information.

---The AHC will be free and open to the public
during the Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee on Saturday, October 29.---

Upcoming Events AND HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Details of upcoming community events and holiday sanitation schedules are also available online at www.northaugusta.net.

OCTOBER

Colonial Times: A Day to Remember – Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16.

Spirits of Hallowed Eve – Saturday, October 22, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Both annual events are held at The Living History Park on West Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee – Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in downtown North Augusta. (See below.)

NOVEMBER

Holiday Closing – Thanksgiving. City offices closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Thursday's sanitation route will be collected on Wednesday, November 23.

Christmas Tree Lighting – Monday, November 28, 6:00 p.m. in John C. Calhoun Park. Call 803-441-4310.

DECEMBER

Christmas for the Birds – Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at The Living History Park on West Spring Grove Avenue. Call 803-279-7560 or visit www.colonialtimes.us.

Lions Club Christmas Parade – Sunday, December 11, beginning at 2:00 p.m. along Georgia Avenue.

Holiday Closing – Christmas. City offices closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. No change to residential sanitation schedule.

Celebrate Fall JACK-O-LANTERN JUBILEE

The 22nd annual Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee will be held in downtown North Augusta on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Festivities include a variety of crafters, children's activities and live entertainment. The A cappella group "Cheaper Than Therapy" will perform at noon. The community costume contest begins at 1:00 p.m. and bluegrass music will complete the day.



Cook Off Competitors Needed

The Jubilee is inaugurating a Barbecue Cook Off Challenge at this year's event to include community judging of a rib entry from each competitor. Interested amateur teams may contact event chair John Felak at 803-441-4310 for additional information.

The community costume contest is a popular attraction at the annual Jack-o-Lantern Jubilee.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

POLICE & FIRE EMERGENCY ----- 911

PUBLIC SAFETY

Non Emergency----- 279-2121
Administration----- 441-4251
Records/Court Services----- 441-4271
Investigations ----- 441-4274
Animal Control ----- 441-4298

PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES

Riverview Park Activities Center----- 441-4300
Activities Coordinator----- 441-4311
Community Center ----- 441-4290

GENERAL SERVICES & FINANCE

Taxes----- 441-4215
Utility - New Service/Disconnects----- 441-4219
Utility Billing Services----- 441-4212
Business Licenses (Non-Contractor) ----- 441-4214
Human Resources ----- 441-4205
Events and Facilities Supervisor ----- 441-4350

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

After-Hours Emergencies----- 279-2121
Engineering----- 441-4223
Building Standards----- 441-4227
Code Compliance ----- 441-4258
Permits----- 441-4227
Business Licenses (Contractors) ----- 441-4227
Sanitation Services----- 441-4223
Sanitation - New Services ----- 441-4219
Stormwater Management ----- 441-4295

PUBLIC UTILITIES

After-Hours Emergencies----- 279-2121
Utility - New Service/Disconnects----- 441-4219
Utility Billing----- 441-4212
Water and Sewer Repairs ----- 441-4240
Streets and Drains Repairs----- 441-4240

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Zoning----- 442-4221
Planning----- 442-4221
Economic Development ----- 442-4221

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor ----- 441-4202
City Administrator ----- 441-4202

OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Arts & Heritage Center ----- 441-4380
North Augusta Chamber of Commerce ---- 279-2323
Nancy Carson Library----- 279-5767
North Augusta Health Center----- 278-3621
Comcast (cable)----- 706-733-7212
S.C. Electric & Gas----- 442-2000
A T & T ----- 1-888-757-6500
S.C. Department of Transportation -- 1-800-442-1368
Magistrate----- 202-3580

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are held every first and third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Center. Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings.



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P.O. Box 6400, North Augusta, SC 29861-6400
or call 803-441-4221.